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Applicant: Nieter
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Title: COMPRESSOR MOTOR-END BEARING HAVING OIL
LEAKAGE PATH

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

Reconsideration of the final rejection mailed December 22, 2006 is requested.

First, the claim is not vague or indefinite. Particularly when read in combination with the specification, it is quite clear that lubricant is supplied to a location on the shaft remote from the motor. That lubricant then passes along a passage toward the motor. An oil return passage, as claimed, is provided for returning the lubricant from the bearing towards an end of the bearing spaced away from the motor. Thus, the claim clearly requires lubricant flowing to the shaft, along the shaft towards the motor, and there being a lubricant return for directing the lubricant back away from the motor.

There is nothing that can be properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 in the claim. The rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

The Williams, et al. patent does not disclose what is required by the claim. In Williams, et al., lubricant is supplied to a passage 66, and will flow along this passage away from the

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